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In re Application of:)	
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Shinya KOBAYASHI et al.)	Confirmation No.: 9491
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Application No.: 10/533,219)	Group Art Unit: 2181
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Filed: February 27, 2006)	Examiner: Richard B. Franklin
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Title: DETACHABLE DEVICE, CONTROL)	
CIRCUIT, CONTROL CIRCUIT)	
FIRMWARE PROGRAM, INFORMATION)	
PROCESSING METHOD AND CIRCUIT)	
DESIGN PATTERN IN CONTROL)	
CIRCUIT, AND LOG-IN METHOD)	

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated July 27, 2009, the period for response to which extends through August 27, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 between Group I (claims 1-5, 17-18, 25-26 and 33), drawn to recognition of a second unit device in a removable device initiated by an auto-starting program conditioned by optional authentication, Group II (claims 6-16 and 19-24, drawn to accessing partitions of memory in a removable device as separate unit devices, Group III (claims 27-30), drawn to auto-starting from a removable device and displaying a web page, and Group IV (claims 31-32) drawn to logging into a web server from a client system using a relay server. Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5 17-18, 25-26 and 33) for examination.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

Applicants respectfully assert that no additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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